



Thursday and Friday, February 6-7, 2020
AMC Boardroom, 125 Charles Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103

Homework: Please see Anna Claussen's session (1:45-3:30pm). We invite you to talk with three people who you may interact with every day but may not know very well. Please bring brief notes with you.

Thursday, February 6th

1:00 p.m. Welcome & Small Group Conversations
Jim McDonough, Ramsey County Commissioner & FUTURES Co-Chair
Carolyn McDonald, Lyon County Human Resources Director & FUTURES Co-Chair

1:45p.m. How Our Complex Identities Influence Who We Are – and What We Do
Anna Claussen, Advisor for Rural Strategies, Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy



Anna Claussen frequently works with groups to help them to share their stories. This session is designed to support relationships across AMC Futures and across counties.

Homework: Anna invites you to have conversations with three people in your daily life and ask them about a part of themselves that **influence who they are and why they do what they do.**

For example, maybe you work with them, but you know very little about their upbringing. You could ask them:

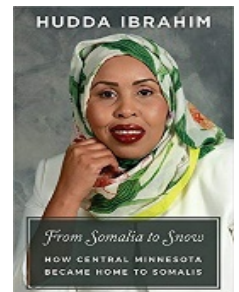
- *Do you have siblings and where are you in the birth order of your family?*
- *Where did you grow-up? Do you have a favorite place from your childhood?*
- *What is something you love to do that I might not know about (hobbies, etc.)?*

Try to ask open questions that invite a story or experience to be shared. Please bring brief notes with you for this session.

3:30 p.m. AMC Building Tours
Staff look forward to providing guided walks around the new building.

4:00 p.m. From Somalia to Snow: Why Central Minnesota Became Home to Somalis
Hudda Ibrahim, Author, Educator, and Speaker

Hudda Ibrahim is a faculty member at St. Cloud Technical and Community College. She specializes in international peace studies, conflict resolution, and political change and will lead a FUTURES conversation about her book, *From Somalia to Snow: How Central Minnesota Became Home to Somalis*. Hudda was selected as a 2019 Bush Fellow.



5:00 p.m. Dinner

LODGING: The Best Western Capitol Ridge is offering AMC members a block rate which includes a complimentary hot breakfast. The Best Western Capitol Ridge is located less than a mile from the AMC building. Book online (click link & scroll down):



https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24104.html?groupId=P31AB610



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5:45 p.m. Veterans, Minnesota's Golf Courses, and Sustainable Farming
Mike Rivard, Director of Land Access Program for Veterans
Dan Halsey, Managing Director at United Designers

Mike and Dan are leading an initiative to transform Minnesota's struggling public golf courses into Veterans Village Farm sites. Mike and Dan will share about their lives and what led them to this project that promises to be a leading national model.

Mike is a Vietnam Veteran with a background in rural lending and construction. Dan is the Managing Director of United Designers, a co-op for ecological and permaculture design.

6:45 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, February 7th

8:15 a.m. Welcome, Thursday Debrief, and Coffee
Jim McDonough and Carolyn McDonald, FUTURES Co-Chairs

9:00 a.m. Engagement Strategies: How to Have "Futures Discussions" at Home
Dave Bartholomay, Program Coordinator, Minnesota's Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution



Since 2017, Minnesota's Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution and AMC have partnered together on many initiatives, including regional trainings, district meetings, and board processes. For this session, Dave will present options for creating engaging public discussions where citizens can provide input that lead to productive outcomes.

Dave has served as Mayor of Circle Pines for nineteen years.

10:30am Census 2020 Updates: Preparing for a Complete Count in Minnesota
Minnesota State Demographic Center



For three years, Susan Brower, the Minnesota State Demographic Center, and AMC have partnered together to share information and resources to help counties to prepare for the 2020 Census. Leaders will stop by and provide an update on the latest happenings here and nationwide as we lead up to April 1st: Census Day.

11:15 a.m. AMC Engagement Opportunities: 2020 and Beyond
Ryan Erdmann, Member Engagement Coordinator

Ryan will facilitate a discussion related to new engagement opportunities and seek input on ways that AMC can be further responsive to member needs.

11:45 a.m. Adjourn

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